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FRIDAY, September 15th, 1854.

The Delegates composing the CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, met with the Baptist Church of Christ at *Lebanon, Cherokee Co., Ala.*, on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1854.

1 The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. C. MYNATT, from the Lord's Gospel by St. John, 18th Chapter and 36th verse: "*My Kingdom is not of this world.*"

2 The Association then convened. Prayer by the Moderator.

3 Brother WYNNE, Clerk, being absent, brother JOHN LAWRENCE was appointed Clerk *pro. tem.*

4 Letters from Churches called for and names of Delegates enrolled.

5 Proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. Elder W. C. MYNATT was chosen Moderator, and brother JOHN LAWRENCE, Clerk.

6 Called for Petitionary Letters. None received.

7 Called for Corresponding Letters and Messengers, when Elder JAMES FIELDS, and brothers ISAAC WHORTON, and ELIJAH GARRET, presented a package of Minutes from the *Muscle Shoals Association*, containing their Corresponding Letter, asking the privilege of opening a correspondence with this Body. Delegates received. Also, Elder J. M. WOOD and brothers C. W. SPARKS, A. E. REEVES, W. A. MERCER, and A. J. KING, presented a package of Minutes from the *Coosa Baptist Association*, containing their Corresponding Letter. Messengers received. Elder ARCHY presented a copy of the Minutes of the *Ten Island Association*, and invited ministering brethren from our Body to visit them at their annual meetings, and thereby be enabled to determine whether they would be willing to correspond with them.

8 Visiting brethren were then invited to take seats with us, and aid us in our deliberations, when Elder J. N. SEALEY, with others, wished to be regarded in the character of visiting brethren.

9 Prayer by Elder ARCHY. Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

9 o'clock Saturday Morning, September 16th, 1854.

1 Prayer by Elder JNO. J. D. RENFROE. Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

2 Called the roll and marked absentees.

3 The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of this Body were then read and made the order of the business for this session.

4 The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the necessary Committees, to wit:

*On Preaching.*—Brothers R. M. WILLIAMS and JAS. H. GARDNER, from Lebanon Church; and brothers REDDEN HODGES, CHARLES C. RIDINGS and O. HESTER, from the Body.

*On the State of Religion.*—Brothers F. M. HARDWICK, H. O. GOLIGHTLY and A. B. SMITH.

*On Correspondence.*—Elders JNO. J. D. RENFROE and J. A. REEVES, and brother SAMUEL MILLER.

*On Domestic Missions.*—Brothers JNO. LAWRENCE, GEO. HARKRIDER and E. G. BELL.

*On Temperance.*—Brothers H. O. GOLIGHTLY, G. W. CROW and PEYTON S. MONTGOMERY.

*On Finance.*—Brothers G. APPLETON, J. T. MORGAN and VANN HALL.

The Association then thought advisable to have committees on the following subjects, to wit; on Foreign Missions, the Bible Cause and Education. The following are the committees named:

*On Foreign Missions.*—Elders JNO. J. D. RENFROE and G. W. EATON, and brother J. H. SPANN.

*On the Bible Cause.*—Brothers JNO. LAWRENCE and F. M. HARDWICK, and Elder JNO J. D. RENFROE.

*On Education.*—Brother J. S. BANKSON, Elder J. A. REEVES, and brother E. G. BELL.

5 The order of business for the day was then suspended to hear a communication from the corresponding messengers of the *Coosa Baptist Association*. And after a lengthy and somewhat heated discussion, in which Elder J. N. SEALEY and brother A. E. REEVES took an active part, a committee of five members of this Body were appointed to confer with said messengers, and report at the earliest time practicable. The following brethren were named as the committee, to wit: JNO. LAWRENCE, F. M. HARDWICK, H. O. GOLIGHTLY, GEO. HARKRIDER and A. B. SMITH. Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment.

1 Elder W. M. CHANDLER and brother MITCHELL DAVIS were received as corresponding messengers from the *Tallasahatchee Association*, without Letter or Minutes.

2 The Moderator then proceeded to appoint Corresponding Messengers to the following Associations, to wit:

To the *Tallasahatchee Association*, Elders W. C. Mynatt, and John



J. D. Renfroe, and brother A. B. Smith; brother E. G. Bell to write. To the *Coosa Baptist Association*, Elders W. C. Mynatt, John J. D. Renfroe and G. W. Eaton, and brothers Jno. Lawrence, Geo. Harkrider, Jas. S. McGhee, and H. O. Golightly—Elder Jno. J. D. Renfroe to write. To the *Muscle Shoals Association*, Elders J. A. Reeves and J. N. Sealey, and brothers J. S. Bankson and C. W. Lay—brother J. S. Bankson to write.

The resolutions of the Union meeting of the first district were then taken up regularly and severally disposed of.

1st. *Resolved*, That we dispense with union meetings, and, instead thereof, establish a ministers' and deacons' meeting, and a missionary meeting in each district in each associational year—appointed a ministers' and deacons' meeting in the first district to be held with Cedar Bluff Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in April, 1855—appointed a Missionary meeting in the first district to be held with Mill Creek Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July, 1855—appointed a ministers' and deacons' meeting in the second district, to be held with Pleasant Grove Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July, 1855—appointed a Missionary meeting in the second district to be held with Union Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in September, 1855.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Association hereafter appoint her annual meetings.

3d. *Resolved*, That the following brethren, to wit: J. S. Bankson, E. G. Bell and Wm. Lay, be requested to propose a plan by which this body can more efficiently co-operate with the Southern Board in promoting the cause of Missions. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

The stand was occupied on Sabbath by Elders Archy, Renfroe and Wood. Elder Jno. J. D. Renfroe preached a Missionary sermon from the 30th verse of the 4th chapter of the Lord's Gospel, by John—"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest," at the conclusion of which a public collection was taken up for home Missionary purposes, amounting to \$27 20. In the evening Elder J. M. Wood preached from the following text of scripture, to wit: "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come," found recorded in Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 13th chapter, 14th verse. The exercises of the day produced quite a sensation on the minds of the audience. We hope that it may be as broad cast upon the waters which may be gathered many days hence.

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9 o'clock, Monday morning, September 18th, 1854.

Met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by Elder J. M. Wood.

1 The minutes were then read, corrected, and adopted. When the action of the body, through their Moderator, in relation to the appointment of Corresponding Messengers to Muscle Shoals Association was read, it was found to be imperfect, as the names of Elder J. N. Sealey and brother C. W. Lay were omitted, it was then the order of the Body that their names be inserted, after many resolutions to re-consider, strike out, and amend the act of this Body in appointing Elder Sealey

a Corresponding Messenger to said Association. At the instance of Elder Sealey the action of the Body in making said appointment was re-considered, as the Body had become satisfied that in said appointment she had acted without precedent, naming as Corresponding Messenger a brother who has no membership in any of the churches composing this Body.

2 The following Reports of Committees were then called for, read and adopted, to wit :

On Domestic Missions, see exhibit A	
On Temperance,	" B
On the Bible cause,	" C
On the Book Board,	" D
On Foreign Missions,	" E
On Correspondence,	" F
On Education,	" G
On Finance,	" H
On the state of Religion,	" I

3 The Committee to whom was referred the duty of conferring with the Corresponding Messengers of the Coosa Baptist Association, presented the following Report, which was adopted, viz :

We, the Committee, to whom was referred the conference with the Committee from the Coosa Baptist Association, appointed by that Body to inquire into the standing of certain Churches, which have co-operated with this Body, to wit: Providence, Bethany and Pleasant Hill, all of DeKalb county, Alabama, which Churches applied for membership with the Coosa Baptist Association during last fall.

We have met and conferred with the following members of said Committee, to wit: Brethren C. W. Sparks, A. E. Reeves, and A. J. King, and have placed in their hands the minutes of the Association for last year, containing the action of this Body in relation to the work of certain Committees under the appointment of their several Churches, which Report was received and ratified by this Body. We have also given them all other information in our possession bearing upon this subject, explaining the whys and wherefores controlling said Committees in their decisions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. LAWRENCE, *Chairman.*

4 It was

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Messengers appointed by this Body to visit the Coosa Baptist Association be, and they are hereby fully authorized, to act in concert with any Committee made by the Coosa to confer in relation to the application of certain Churches which are within the limits of this Body, and which have usually co-operated with us, but which Churches are now seeking membership in the Coosa Baptist Association. Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

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2 o'clock, P. M. *Met pursuant to adjournment.*

1 The Body then elected Elder Jno. J. D. Renfroe to preach the next Introductory Sermon, Elder J. A. Reeves, Alternate; Elder W. C.



Mynatt to preach a Missionary Sermon, Elder J. A. Reeves, Alternate.

2 The Report of the Committee appointed by this Body at her last annual meeting, to visit and labor with certain Churches, to wit: Providence, Bethany and Pleasant Hill, and, if possible, reconcile them in relation to the action of this Body with regard to Pleasant Grove Church, was then called for. The Committee report that they have failed to discharge the duty required of them by this Body, submitting their reasons for such neglect. The Body received the excuse, and continued the said Committee, and requires them to act and report at our next annual meeting. On account of brother A. W. Cunningham's declining health, Elder G. W. Eaton was requested to fill his position in said Committee.

3 The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of this Body co-operating with the Southern Board, offered their Report which opposed co-operation. Report lost.

4 Upon special motion the Moderator appointed brothers F. M. Hardwick and Chas. C. Ridings as a Committee to propose a plan by which the Executive Committees of this Body may effectually co-operate with the Southern Board. Report to be submitted in the morning.

5 Upon special motion the Moderator requested Elders Jno. J. D. Renfro, and G. W. Eaton, and brother F. M. Hardwick to prepare and present a proper plan for the organization of a Book Board. Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*8 o'clock, Tuesday morning, September 19th, 1854.*

Met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Moderator.

1 Corresponding letters called for, read, corrected and adopted.

2 It was agreed that the next session of this Body be held with Mt. Harmony Church, at Lebanon, DeKalb county, Alabama, commencing on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1855.

3 Reports of Committees called for. The Committee requested to propose a plan for the organization of a Book Board, presented the plan proposed by the President of the former Board in his Report. (See exhibit D.) Plan adopted by the Body. The following brethren constitute the Board, to wit: W. C. Mynatt, F. M. Hardwick, G. J. Williamson, Jno. Lawrence, and J. B. High.

The Committee requested to prepare a plan by which the Executive Committees of this Body may effectually co-operate with the Southern Board, offered the following Resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, By the Delegates composing the Cherokee Baptist Association, that this Body proceed to elect an Executive Board in each District, whose duty it shall be to raise funds to be used in promoting the cause of Home Missions; and said Executive Boards are required to appropriate said funds under the direction of the Southern Board.—Executive Board for 1st District, brethren Jno. Lawrence, H. O. Golightly, R. M. Williams, F. M. Hardwick, and Charles C. Ridings. For 2nd District, brothers Jno. Walden, J. N. Appleton, C. P. Johnson, Wm. Lay, and Jas. Penn.

4 The Body then ordered that the Clerk have eight hundred copies of these minutes printed.

5 The Body then ordered that the Clerk be allowed \$10 as a compensation for his services in preparing the minutes for the press, &c.

6 *Resolved*, By this Body that any member whose name appears on these minutes, may be recognized as a Corresponding Messenger to any of the Associations with whom we correspond.

7 Appointed Elders W. C. Mynatt and Jno. J. D. Renfroe Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—brother Jno. Lawrence to write.

8 A letter of dismission was granted to Clear Creek Church, St. Clair county, Alabama.

9 Appointed, as Distributing Agents, the following brethren, to wit: R. M. Williams, H. O. Golightly, A. B. Smith, and J. T. Morgan.

10 It was ordered by the Body, that the public collection taken up on Sabbath, be equally divided between the two Executive Boards.

11 Elder G. W. Eaton and brother A. B. Smith were requested to visit Antioch Church and ascertain her reasons for failing to send Representatives to meet with this Body.

The Association then adjourned to meet at the time and place designated by this Body in the foregoing Minutes.

W. C. MYNATT, *Moderator*.

JNO. LAWRENCE, *Clerk*.

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## APPENDIX OF EXHIBITS.

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### EXHIBIT A.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the cause of Domestic Missions, beg leave to submit the following Report:

From what we have seen and heard, we are induced to believe that there has been less effort manifested on the part of Executive Committees the past year, than ever heretofore, occasioned, we learn, from the peculiar difficulties surrounding them. During the associational year of 1852-3, they employed two Missionaries within the limits of this Body, promising each of them a reasonable salary. At the close of said year the Churches had not contributed a sufficient amount to meet the engagements of said Executive Committees, by something more than one hundred Dollars. Under such embarrassing circumstances, the Executive Committees were unwilling to incur any further liabilities, as they had already been taught a sad lesson of experience by the action of the Churches during the past year, having employed laborers upon the plighted faith of the Churches, not thinking for one moment that the Churches would fail to enable them promptly to fulfil their engagements, but in this they were sadly mistaken.

From the foregoing remarks, it will be seen that it is entirely necessary for this Body to adopt a more efficient system of operations, or abandon the work altogether. Therefore we recommend an efficient co-operation with the Southern Board. We are conscious that there are

destitute sections within our limits, to whom the Gospel should be preached. Brethren—members of this Body—when you return home endeavor to instil into the minds of brethren composing your several Churches, the obligations resting upon them as the servants of Christ. Persuade them that it is their bounden duty, in the first place, to aid the several Executive Committees to discharge their liabilities; and in the next place, desire them to remember whose servants they are, and whom they should obey.

What were your chief desires when first introduced into the fold of Christ, having passed under the regenerating influences of his Holy Spirit? Did you not desire to love God more and serve him better? Did you not love the brethren, and did you not desire the salvation of poor lost and ruined sinners? If so, have you lost your first love? Has that desire failed? If not, how can you reconcile it to your feelings to see sinners perishing around you for want of the bread of life, which God, through your instrumentality, might give? Shall we allow them to perish at our doors and never offer the Gospel to them.

We hope that this Body, and the Churches from among whom the members of this Body are chosen, will cultivate the spirit of missions.

JNO. LAWRENCE, *Chairman.*

### EXHIBIT B.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report, That in carrying out the great Temperance Reform, there is a great want of co operation with many of our brethren, who stand aloof from all Temperance Organizations, using, occasionally, intoxicating drinks as a beverage, merely to gratify the appetite, which practice is giving strength and support to drunkenness in the world.

We think it is high time that a strict inquiry should take place in all the Churches composing this Body, whether the Word of God does not forbid the use of all intoxicating drinks, and if it does condemn the use, the several Churches should bring into requisition the true spirit and discipline of the Gospel upon all members who violate. All of which is respectfully submitted. H. O. GOLIGHTLY, *Chm.*

### EXHIBIT C.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bible cause, have prepared the following Report as the result of their deliberations:

Feeling and acknowledging that the Bible is the book of books, containing the only rules of faith and practice for christians, we discover very forcibly the reasons why the truths it contains should be generally, and if possible, universally disseminated.

We are commanded to search the scriptures daily, as in them we think we have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Christ.

As to the duties devolving on us as the followers of Christ in the dissemination of truth, we feel incompetent to define them, but we feel

fully assured that the Bible is the only *Chart and Compass* to direct the minds of men in the way everlasting; consequently, it should be placed in the possession of every one who will read, or hear read the truths it contains.

What then should we, as an Association, composed, as we trust, of true believers, do in this cause? The commission delivered to the disciples of Christ was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." What, then, is the Gospel? The revealed will and word of God. Where may these things be found? In the Holy writings—in the Bible, the book of God. Then, brethren, what position do we hold? Are we not, if we are what we profess to be, the people to whom God has committed his word, and are we receive and conceal it? Are we not commanded to send it abroad? Is it not our duty to see that our neighbor has it? as we learn that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, &c.

We therefore recommend and urge upon this Body the propriety—may we not say the necessity, of giving their earliest attention to this subject. Should we not constitute a Board, known as the Bible Board of the Cherokee Baptist Association, whose business it shall be to see that no family within the limits of our Body, are destitute of a copy of the Bible?

In connection with the foregoing suggestions and remarks, we confidently hope that ere long we will be enabled to circulate a purer and more perfect version of the holy scriptures. Then will we be enabled to read in our own language—the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

JNO. LAWRENCE, *Ch'n.*

#### EXHIBIT D.

We, the Book Board, appointed at your last session, beg leave to submit the following as the result of our labors. We have disposed of the books placed under our control as follows:

Books sold, for which brother W. B. Watt received cash prior to his death,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	\$16 00
Books sold to brother McDaniel High, by the Board,	:							45 90
Books sold by brother T. N. Appleton, cash still in his hands,								7 57
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Total amount,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	\$69 47
Amount paid to brother A. W. Cunningham, on note,	:							45 90
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Balance due the Board,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	\$23 57

There is still a balance due on the note given by the President of the Board for the money used in the purchase of said books.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the operation of the Board has been quite limited during the past year, owing to the inefficiency of the plan of our organization. The Board has been operating on a borrowed capital. We feel fully assured that we, as a Board, can never carry out the spirit of our organization until a sufficient fund is raised by donation, or otherwise, to enable the Board to make purchases with her own means. We therefore recommend to the Body the propriety



of urging upon their several Churches the obligations resting upon them in this matter. Next to the Bible cause this should elicit their attention, as the rising generation must have food for the mind; and if they cannot have it in christian literature, they will have it in the trash of the day.

We appeal to you, as Baptists, to know whether the doctrines you teach are the true doctrines of the cross. If so, we have distinctive principles which should be taught to our children, and the children of our neighbors—which principles, aside from the Bible, can alone be found in the publications of such societies as are under the immediate control of our denomination. Shall such publications be circulated? If so, who will do it if the Baptists neglect?

We therefore propose that the Churches proceed to raise this fund to be placed in the hands of a Board created by this Body; and let that Board be composed of zealous Baptists living at or near some village or Church, whose duty it will be to make all purchases, and have deposited, at the several Churches, books in proportion to the amount of money supplied by them; and the Deacons, or some one appointed by each Church, shall be the authorized Agents of this Board, whose duty it shall be to sell the books and solicit donations, so as to make the funds perpetual.

Feeling very conscious that much good may be effected, if the foregoing suggestions are matured into a plan, and that plan efficiently carried into execution, we sincerely hope that they will receive the cordial assent of the brethren, and inspire them with confidence that they may go to work in earnest.

W. C. MYNATT, *President of the Board.*

### EXHIBIT E.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report, That we regard the claims of Missions with peculiar interest, for that, in our opinion, this is God's plan to send the news of salvation to the destitute of every land.

When we think of the millions who are perishing in heathen lands, without the Bible, and without any Gospel knowledge, we feel that it is the duty of those who are in a country of freedom, and favored with the precious hope of heaven, to do all they can to impart to them the word of eternal life. While we feel thankful that we, as a Body, regard the spirit of Missions, yet we have cause for regret, that so little has been done for the foreign field.

With this Report we recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1st. That our brethren be earnestly solicited to take the Home and Foreign Journal, published at Richmond, Virginia.

2nd. That our Ministers and Deacons be requested to present the claims of Foreign Missions to their respective Churches and congregations at some appropriate time before the next session of this Body.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jno. J. D. RENFROE, *Ch'n.*



## EXHIBIT F.

The Committee on Correspondence report, That, after carefully examining the Minutes from the several Bodies with whom we are in union and correspondence, we find nothing to censure, but much to approve. We think it expedient to keep up a correspondence with our brethren, having noticed that many of the grand objects which tend to promote the interests of our denomination, are loved and cherished by them.

Our brethren of the Coosa and Muscle Shoals Associations are extensively engaged in the cause of Missions. The subject of education is likewise advocated and sustained by them, worthy of our imitation.

While we thank God for the present visit of our brethren, we can but look with delight to the pleasant time when, from each of these Bodies, we shall receive a large and livelier band of brethren, and in return, if possible, let us give them the same. Humbly submitted.

J. J. D. RENTFROE, *Ch'n.*

## EXHIBIT G.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows: The importance of this subject demands the utmost efforts of every freeman, and especially of the Baptists of North Alabama, in giving it a permanent establishment in our own country. Knowledge is power—it teaches the young idea how to shoot; it expands and enlightens the mind, refines the manners, and conducts us safely over life's uneven tide.

We heartily recommend parents to educate their children, and if they neglect to do so, they are guilty of a great sin of omission, and thereby cheat their offspring out of their inestimable rights, for which they, as parents, are accountable.

And above all, we need an educated ministry, conjoined with deep earnestness, piety and zeal, by which means alone we can be enabled to combat successfully, ignorance, superstition, and the combined powers of darkness—then isms and sectarian principles shall give way to the light of the Gospel, and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of God and his Christ.

Every Church should patronize education, by assisting to educate young ministers who have not sufficient means of their own for that purpose. They should build up Literary Institutions at home, if possible, and thereby prevent the necessity of sending their sons and daughters among strangers.

In conclusion, we earnestly recommend this subject to the favorable consideration of every member of this Body. May you fully appreciate its merits, and energetically engage in its cause.

J. S. BANKSON, *Ch'n.*

## EXHIBIT H.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following Report:

Amount of contribution for Minutes, sent up by the Churches,	\$22	95
Amount of contribution for Associational purposes,	:	5 50
Amount of individual contribution for Minutes,	:	2 50
Amount sent up for Correspondence,	:	1 75
Amount of public collection for Home Missions,	:	27 20

The Executive Committee of the first district, return the following as a list of contributions made to assist in the discharge of their liabilities, to wit: From Jas. S. McGhee, \$1 00; Nimrod Richey, \$1 00; Madison Mosely, \$0 50; David Pickle, \$0 25; E. G. Bell, \$2 00; J. E. Elam, \$2 00; John Wilcox, \$1 00, and John Rush \$1 00; Joel Mosely, 25 cts.

G. APPLETON, *Ch'n.*

### EXHIBIT I.

Your Committee on the state of Religion beg leave to report, That while many of our Churches complain of coldness, and true christianity appears to be at a low ebb, there are many others that are rejoicing over a goodly number of lively members, which (we hope will prove living material)—have been added to our zion during the last Associational year. And while we praise God for the outpouring of his Spirit on our Churches, we can but admonish our brethren to pray more fervently to the giver of all good to more abundantly grant his mercies until every house and hearth, if possible, in our bounds, may be filled with vital religion, and until primitive christianity shall triumph in our land.

F. M. HARDWICK, *Ch'n.*

## STATE OF THE CHURCHES

District.	CHURCHES	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF POST OFFIC'S	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
First District.	Lebanon.	Cherokee.	Turkey Town	{ R. M. Williams, J. H. Gardner.
	{ Yellow Creek.	"	Leesbury.	{ S. J. Williams, A. J. Tatum, W. S. Whitten.
	{ Cedar Bluff.	"	Cedar Bluff.	{ W. C. MYNATT, J. J. D. RENFROE, J. Lawrence, F. M. Hardwick, Geo. Harkrider.
	Unity.	"	Gaylesville.	{ J. S. Bankson, C. C. Ridings, James Grogan.
	{ Mill Creek.	"	Cedar Springs.	{ H. O. Golightly, E. G. Bell, Samuel Miller.
	Mt. Bethel.	"	Cobb's Mills.	James S. McGhee.
Second District.	{ Mount Pleasant.	St. Clair.	Ashville.	{ T. C. Bowling, P. S. Montgomery, R. Hodges.
	Union.	DeKalb.	Duck Springs	{ J. A. REEVES, A. B. Smith, O. Hester, William Lay.
	{ Pleasant Grove.	"	Vanburne's	{ G. Appleton, Vann Hall.
	{ Mount Harmony.	"	Lebanon.	{ G. W. EATON, G. W. Crow, J. T. Morgan.
	Mt. Pleasant.	Marshall.	Guntersville.	J. H. Spann.
	Macedonia.	DeKalb.	_____	{ Geo. L. Heifner, John Glazner, Jr.
	Mt. Olivett.	Jackson.	Lyonville.	No Representation.

The following Churches within the limits of, and belonging to, this Association, to wit: Holly Springs, Providence, Cherokee, Providence, DeKalb, Bethany and Pleasant Hill, failed to send up a representation to the present Session.—CLERK.

 Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; Licentiates in *Italics*.



# NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF MINISTERS.

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## *Ordained Ministers.*

J. A. REEVES,  
 W. C. MYNATT,  
 J. J. D. RENFROE,  
 JACOB COFFMAN,  
 WADE SLATON,  
 M. R. LYON,  
 G. W. EATON,  
 W. PENN,  
 R. H. RAMSEY,

## *Post Offices.*

Duck Springs, Ala.  
 Cedar Bluff, "  
 Cedar Bluff, "  
 Gaylesville, "  
 Guntersville, "  
 Lyonville, "  
 Alpine, Geo.  
 Duck Springs, Ala.  
 Gadsden, "

## *Licentiates.*

JOHN S. BANKSON.  
 EPHRAHIM T. WILLINGHAM.  
 A. B. SMITH,  
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## *Post Offices.*

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 Gaylesville, "  
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